

# The ANSGAR LUTHERAN

## The California Convention

By Allan D. Hansen



Interior of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where the Annual Convention will be held June 21-26

Are you planning to attend the  
Annual Convention in Lynwood,  
Calif. this June? Why not plan to  
go and at the same time take a  
vacation you will remember long  
with pleasure and delight?

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whether you come from the north  
or the east, can be a most fascinat-  
ing experience if you take time a-  
long the way to enjoy some of the  
most outstanding scenic spots in the

world. Visiting our National Parks  
and viewing some of the great  
handiwork of our Creator can be an  
inspiring and uplifting experience.

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# News and Notes



Photo courtesy Harold C. Andersen & Racine Journal Times

The cornerstone for the new Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Racine was laid April 17.

The above picture shows the pastor, L. M. Andersen, receiving the trowel from Mr. H. P. Andersen and his son, P. J. Andersen, representing the contractors. In the background are four members of the Bldg. Committee. From left to right: Frank L. Giannoni,

Peter Christiansen, Carl E. Thomsen, and Howard I. Thompson.

Immediately below the trowel is the gold-plated shovel used for the ground breaking last November.

A few moments after the picture was taken the pastor used the silver plated trowel to place the first mortar for the cornerstone.

It is expected that the \$330,000.00

structure will be completed near the end of 1955. It will seat about 800 people, and is located in one of the most ideal spots in the city of Racine, where two main highways meet and two of the important thoroughfares intersect. It is built on two acres of land in the "heart of the city."

A cornerstone offering of nearly \$1500.00 was received.

**Northern Wisconsin, W.M.S.**—Sunday, April 17, the Kings Daughters of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Denmark, Wisconsin, were hostesses to the W.M.S. of the Northern Circuit. Musical selections were rendered by the local Choir, Men's Quartet, Kings Daughters Sextet and also a tenor solo.

Rev. Robert Berthelsen of Kingo Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was the guest speaker. He is a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, serving on the Japan Committee. Rev. Berthelsen stressed the point that

Christ died for all of us regardless of color or creed, what have we done for Him? If we cannot serve as a Missionary, we can show our love by giving of our means so that others may serve for us. We must be reeducated to the fact that we give to missions in general, and not "attach strings," because the Mission Board knows the needs of the Mission Fields and can better allocate the money.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The North Dakota-Montana District

Convention will be held June 9th to 12th in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Kenmare, North Dakota, the Rev. Silas Larsen, Pastor. "Forward with Christ" is the Convention theme. All the congregations are urged to send full delegations, one delegate for each twenty-five confirmed members and a fraction thereof. The District Treasurer's books will close June 3rd.

Edwin W. Petrusson  
District President  
N. Dak.-Mont. Dist.

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# Editorials and Comments

## CANADIAN LUTHERANS DISCUSS MERGER

Canadian Lutherans are very close to us. As a matter of fact the Lutherans in the United States have to a great extent supplied the churches there with pastors and as far as the western home mission congregations are concerned, with the necessary funds. The oldest Lutherans in Canada are in the Province of Nova Scotia and Ontario. There is a Lutheran Seminary at Waterloo, Ontario, which is serving the Canada Synod belonging to the United Lutheran Church. This synod in Ontario and Quebec has 50,000 baptized members. The Nova Scotia, which is a member in the U.L.C.A., has 7,000 members.

The Missouri Lutheran Church has also been active in Canada. It may be compared to the United Lutheran Church membership there. It is strong in Ontario and also in the

There are two Lutheran Seminaries in Saskatoon, Sask. One belongs to the E.L.C. and one is maintained by the American Lutheran Church, the United Lutheran Church and the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Since the congregations in Canada have started to use the English language, they have also begun to talk about establishing an independent Canadian Lutheran Church. The other churches in the States recognize this need. A Canadian National Lutheran Council has been formed.

The Joint Union Committee is aware of the situation in Canada. One or two committee meetings of the four negotiating bodies have been held.

An important meeting was held in March. We reprint an article about this meeting from The Lutheran Companion written by Dr. Martin E. Carlson.

Tuesday, March 29, representatives of the American Lutheran Church, the Augustana Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Free Church, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the United Lutheran Church met in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to discuss the question of the advisability and possibility of forming a Lutheran Church for West Canada. Invitations for this meeting had been sent out by the Polity Committee of the Canadian Districts of the four Lutheran bodies now considering merger to all of the other Lutheran bodies having district administrative units in western Canada. These were the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the United Lutheran Church, and the Augustana Lutheran Church.

The districts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod respectfully declined the invitation to discussions at this time, the other two accepted, and arrangements were made whereby the representatives of the merging bodies met with Augustana representatives (Professor Otto A. Olson Jr., Rev. Berne Tengbom, and Dr. Martin E. Carlson as visitor) in the morning and with the United Lutheran Church representatives in the afternoon of that day.

### Agree on Desirability

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Karl Hoelfelt, District President of the American Lutheran Church, the meeting progressed very rapidly toward establishing the desirability of the Lutheran Church for West Canada. It would create a single church body of 75,000 baptized members and 543 congregations instead of the six separate bodies now in the West. This would be a major step in strengthening the forces of the Church in this vast territory. Parish duplication could be eliminated; administrative duplication could be avoided; support for the educational and welfare programs would be strengthened; theological training could be carried on in one institution instead of two.

All in all, it was felt that the Church operating as a single body would make a much greater impact on the community than is now the case.

### Seek to Overcome Obstacles

Although these many advantages of a merger of the Canadian Lutheran Council churches from the Lakehead to the Pacific Coast are recognized by all concerned, the road to

achievement is not without obstacles and difficulties. There is, for example, the very real problem of the proper relation of the proposed body of Lutherans in Western Canada to Lutherans in Eastern Canada. A related problem is the relation of the ministerium of this proposed Church to that of the general bodies of which the Canadian administrative units are now members. Another problem is that some feel that there must be agreement on such a theological statement as the **United Testimony**, while others are of the opinion that subscription to the historic confessional writings of the Lutheran Church is sufficient.

None of these problems was considered insurmountable, as is evidenced by the fact that plans were made for a continuation of such exploratory discussions in the near future.

## LOST BY TRANSFER—AN OPEN LETTER TO MY PASTOR

(A letter from a reader.)

Dear Pastor:

I have never written to you before—as a matter of fact, I suppose I have been one of your least articulate members. I probably would not be writing this now, except for the fact that, for the first time in my life, I have been reading the annual report of a congregation. To be truthful with you, it has been lying around the house quite some time, because I didn't think that there could be too much in it of interest to me. But today I picked it up. It will interest you that I read it from cover to cover. But one sentence in particular stuck in my mind. I have thought about it again and again. It was this one, from the pastor's report: "lost by transfer, 48; net gain, 5." Net gain of 5 in spite of all those gained through baptism and confirmation and other means.

This sentence has so stuck in my mind, Pastor, because I know that on next year's report my family and I will be one of the statistical "lost by transfer." And I remember the many many hours you spent with us, urging us first to seek the church of God, then instructing us, and the further hours you have spent on us on various occasions. And I wonder if sometimes you grow discouraged at having all these hours and all your labor so many times end in the sentence "lost by transfer." And so for once I am taking it upon myself to tell you what is on my mind and in my heart.

We have perhaps not given the impression of being very good church members, and perhaps you have sighed over us as you considered us at times. We haven't always been among the most active. Our small children have more than once prevented us from taking part in something that we had definitely planned on. Colds and coughs and sore throats can come at the most awkward times. We haven't been among your largest contributors, nor have we served on the committees. I haven't told you even once that I enjoyed your sermon—for the good reason that many times I definitely did not "enjoy" it. Many times I have been made uncomfortable and conscience-stricken. Many times you have spoken so directly to me that I could not tell you whether or not I did enjoy your sermon. Many times I have been filled with peace and joy and inspiration, but in such a case I have been completely unable to speak of it to you—to call a direct meeting with God a "good sermon" is sacrilege to me, though I can see now that I might have been selfish in keeping it all to myself. We have met God in the church and through your message. We have seen and heard and found the way of salvation. And lost by transfer though we may be, we will never again be really lost.

And this is what I really want to tell you, Pastor. Don't let the "net gain" discourage you. Perhaps it is the only way it is humanly possible to compile statistics. Perhaps such statistics are necessary. But don't forget that God must have a different kind of bookkeeping. Don't forget that we who are lost by transfer still are in the large sense a part of your net gain. When we move next month, please remember that. Transferred we are—, "lost" by transfer we are not; never again will we be lost. Wherever we may go, what we received here will follow us, and, God helping us, we will always in his kingdom be part of the "net gain."



## A CHURCH IN THE PAST

By Mary E. Nygaard

I remember a church in Iowa, now it would be considered a small unpretentious church, but to me, a girl of ten, it was a large wonderful church especially after having Sunday morning worship in an old frame store-room, the new brick church with a real steeple, seemed really God's house.

I was there every Sunday except for sickness, I with my brother, sisters, father and mother, walked the five mile round trip, twice every Sunday. We could have ridden on the street car, car fare in those days was only five cents, but we could not afford that.

I remember how after Sunday morning service in the old storeroom, we would gladly walk the additional half mile, to see how they were progressing with the building of the church. First the frame work, then the brick walls a little higher each week, and finally the steeple.

I remember the first minister, Pastor Bing. He had very poor vision. He had to hold his book close to his face to see to read, but oh how he could catch a fly that would bother him while he was preaching. I remember wondering how with just one swift move of his arm, he could see to catch a fly, when he could hardly see to read.

I remember the wonderful Christmas tree every Christmas, Christmases that seemed so far apart then, but now come one after another, all too quickly. I remember the many candles on the tree, and how nervous I was, so afraid that the tree would catch fire with all the fancy trimmings and cotton decorations. I remember our very able custodian, Mr. Mortensen, janitor he was called in those days, would stand by with a large bucket of water, and a sponge on a long pole, quenching each little fire that started.

### Confirmed by Pastor C. C. Kloth

Another pastor that stands out in my memory was my confirmation pastor, Pastor Karsten Kristian Kloth. He stands out so vividly, not only because he was my confirmation pastor, but being unmarried when he came, he stayed part of the time in our home. I remember going to confirmation class every Saturday for two years, then to Danish school every day all summer during vacation. Today I am thankful to my parents for enforcing this, so I have a little knowledge of the Danish language. I remember as I took my confirmation vows, kneeling there at the altar when the pastor placed his hand on my head, I felt as if it were the hand of God. I remember praying "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

I remember I used to think that this church of mine had such a beautiful name. "Bethesda" I loved to say it.

The place of healing, where we would go every Sunday to hear God's word preached, and be healed of our sins. There is a large beautiful new Bethesda now, only not called Bethesda any more.

I remember other pastors that came, but these are ones that stand out in my memory.

I remember the charter members, all gone on to join that great white throng.

I remember Mr. and Mrs. Pedersen, in my mind they were rich, for did they not own a horse and buggy to ride to church? Sometimes when there was an empty seat in the buggy, they would pick one of us up for a ride. I was very nervous until we passed the Northwestern tracks, for old Kate, the horse, did not like trains and if one happened to be passing while we were near Mr. Pedersen had to hold the reins very tightly. The Pedersen home like my own, was always open to everybody for Sunday dinner. Mrs. Pedersen with my mother would go down the aisle after church, saying, "Come home with us for dinner. This was said mostly to the house maids, who had their Sunday off. In those days house work was the only work the Scandinavian girls could get.

I remember Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen, Mr. Nielsen my much loved Sunday school teacher. I was in their home quite frequently, as their daughter was my age and was in the same confirmation class. I remember after Sunday dinner, Mr. Nielsen would have another lesson for his daughter and me. I can still hear him say, "Hold high the banner of Christ, never be ashamed of it." I wonder does any Sunday school teacher do that now?

I remember Mr. and Mrs. Tingley, another family we thought rich, for they owned a meat market. Yes, there were others, but these are the ones that come to my mind most often.

I remember my father, a deacon for many years, reading "Indgangsbøn" "Herre, jeg er kommen ind i dette døds Hus." Even today, that is my Sunday morning prayer. I bow my head before service, and I still pray it in Danish.

It is a large church that I belong to now, a Lutheran church of another synod. I love it dearly, still remembering the old Bethesda pour over me sometimes, and wish I were a little girl again, how many things I would do differently. Perhaps before too long, there will no longer be these different synods, but one great unified Lutheran Church.



## CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

### Lutherans Total 69,392,978, Survey by LWF Discloses

Geneva, Switzerland — Lutheran Christians throughout the world number a minimum total of 69,362,978, according to statistics compiled by the Lutheran World Federation at its headquarters here.

The figure covers about 120 church mission groups in nearly 50 countries, it was reported by Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive secretary of the federation, who said the estimates were based on the most recent data available in January of this year.

In total, he added, 47,864,406 members of the 56 church bodies in countries that are affiliated with the LWF; 929,724 comprise groups in a working relationship with the federation; 5,338,848 belong to other Lutheran churches and groups; and 130,000 are members of Union churches in Germany.

Dr. Lund-Quist stressed that the statistics represent the minimum baptismal membership of world Lutheranism. He pointed out that they do not include figures for the Lutheran population in countries where no organized Lutheran church exists. No attempt was made, he said, to estimate the membership of a number of small Lutheran congregations, such as in Belgium, Mexico, or of the Lutherans in Germany or Scandinavian congregations in foreign countries.

He added also that no information is available on a few Lutheran missions and on Lutheran groups "formerly known to exist in territories with which we are now no longer in communication."

On the basis of the statistics, the LWF estimates that Lutherans comprise nearly three per cent of a world population of 2,499,000,000, about one third of world Protestantism's 207 million, above 18 per cent of non-Roman Christianity's 379 millions, and about 10 per cent of Christendom's 692,400,000.

Dr. Lund-Quist noted that the membership of the LWF represents nearly 10 per cent of Lutheran Church membership and nearly 70 per cent of world Lutheranism.

More than half the total number of Lutherans are concentrated in Germany, birth place of the Reformation. In member church bodies of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany (VELKD) have a combined membership of 17,795,072, eleven German Union Churches have 897,000 Lutherans, and six other groups have 3,053,000, making a total of 18,645,072.

Sweden is credited with 7,000,000 Lutherans, the United States and Can-



Camp Douglas, Wisconsin—Three hundred and fifty people filled the new church at Camp Douglas on the afternoon of April 24th when Dr. Hans Jersild dedicated the edifice to the worship and service of God.

The accompanying picture was taken during the first part of the service of dedication. Pastors standing are, left to right, Sidney Jorgensen, local pastor; George Demant of Shennington; Adolph Petersen of Waupaca; Carl Schulte (ALC) of Wilton; J. H. Tennesen of Laurel, Nebr.; Jack Jacobsen of Marcus, Ia.; Dr. Hans Jersild; Burnell Lund (ELC) of Mauston; Oscar Thompson (ELC) of Hustler; Alvin Skibsrud (ELC) of Tomah; Paul Sanders (ELC) of Elroy; and Raymond Paulsen of Poy Sippi.

Dr. Jersild preached at Bethany Lutheran Church (ELC), New Libson,

(served by Pastor Jorgensen), at 9:15 a.m. Mrs. J. H. Tennesen spoke to the Sunday school at Camp Douglas in the old church, which still stands beside the new church. Pastor A. S. Petersen preached at the morning service. In the evening films were shown of the construction of the church, from ground breaking on April 25, 1954, to the first services in the church. On Monday evening Pastor J. E. Jacobsen spoke on "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us." Pastor J. H. Tennesen spoke on "The Growing Church" on Tuesday evening. The climax of dedication services was a Confirmation Reunion banquet on Wednesday evening with Pastor Frank Nielsen as speaker. Pastor Viggo Petersen, who had planned to have a part in the dedication services, was unable to attend because a member was seriously ill.

ada with 6,970,987, Denmark with 4,156,500; Finland with 4,007,920, and Norway with 3,155,232.

### Dr. S. E. Engstrom Dies at 48; Prominent as Augustana Leader

Washington, D. C.—Dr. Sigfrid E. Engstrom of Minneapolis, director of the Board of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church, and one of the outstanding leaders of American Lutheranism, died suddenly here on April 28. Death was due to a heart attack. He was 48 years of age.

Dr. Engstrom, attending the 85th annual convention of Augustana's New York Conference, was stricken in his hotel room and was rushed to the George Washington Hospital, where he died a few hours later.

Head of Augustana's home missions

program for 16 years, Dr. Engstrom had long been a leading figure in intersynodical and interdenominational activities. He was the last president of the former American Lutheran Conference and was active on numerous committees of the National Lutheran Council, National Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches. For many years he directed Augustana's efforts in Lutheran World Action.

On Wednesday, April 27, Dr. Engstrom had participated vigorously in a discussion of the Lutheran unity movement, with which he was prominently identified. At that time he said he "didn't feel quite up to par." He remained at his hotel during the evening but appeared at sessions on Thursday and seemed to be in good health and



spirits. However, he again decided to remain at his hotel for the evening and was there when the seizures began that led to his death.

An article on Lutheran Unity appeared in The Ansgar Lutheran March 21.

The funeral was held at Minneapolis, Minn. May 2.

### AGRICULTURAL MISSIONARIES

When Victor Buck went as an agricultural missionary to the Belgian Congo, he found there only six main food crops. He spent each furlough visiting the various countries in the tropics. As a result he has introduced thirty new food plants into the Belgian Congo, and thus has changed the health and conditions along with their religious life.

James A. Hunter was for a long time a famous agricultural missionary in North China. He was released by his mission board to work for the "Joint Commission on Rural Reconstruction" on Formosa. During the last three years Formosa has inaugurated a "Land Reform" program. Over 120,000 tenant families have been helped to buy farms. The one-year oral lease has been changed to a six-year written lease. Rent has been reduced from 50 per cent to 37 per cent of the crop.

Miss Helen Fehr of Indiana was sent to India to teach in a girl's high school. She soon discovered that three-fourths of the population there lived by agriculture and village crafts. To them she dedicated her life and moved out 70 miles from the railroad to do village work.

She has built her Gospel around the daily life in the village home. The villages in her area have become Christian. But she must return to America on account of a health situation. Someone is needed to take her place. Agricultural Missions, Inc., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, is recruiting American young people for such work.

The average American County has a dozen graduates in agriculture working in it. Oriente Province in East Cuba has 800,000 people and only two agricultural graduates. One of these is an agricultural missionary who runs a farm school supported by his mission board. The churches need a thousand more agricultural missionaries like Richard Milk who runs this school.

The agricultural missionaries in Angola, Southwest Africa, conduct "Movable schools." In addition to teaching, preaching and healing, they help villages get a water supply, build an oven for making brick and tile, purchase a "village plow" cooperatively, and put glass windows in the houses.

Only one per cent of the Japanese rural communities have a church.

There are only about 200 churches "out at the grass roots" in Japan. One of these churches, at Imorino, serves twelve surrounding villages because some church in America sent their missionary there a station wagon. It is used to take laymen out to conduct meetings in farm homes.

Over a hundred agricultural missionaries are making a unique contribution to the fifty under-developed countries of the world. Agricultural Missions, Inc., at 156 Fifth Avenue New York, has prepared a new bulletin on their work which is being sent free upon request.

### 150-YEAR-OLD PARSONAGE

A young minister refused a call to a certain church because he didn't want his wife to live in the old inconvenient parsonage.

"That parsonage has been just exactly like that for 150 years" said one of the laymen," and no one has ever complained about it before."

The Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, has made a study of 1171 parsonages in 43 states.

This study entitled "The Home of the Rural Pastor" gives the "Standard Equipment" which every parsonage needs. It is being distributed at cost (40c).

### Eire's Lutherans Get First Pastor in 80 Years

Dublin, Eire—Ireland's first Lutheran full-time pastor in 80 years was stalled at St. Finian's Church here for a four language ceremony.

The pastor, the Rev. H. D. Milne, of Westphalian Germany, was called by the Lutheran Council of Great Britain and Ireland to serve as a member of Lutherans from Germany, Scandinavian and the Baltic countries who have settled in Dublin.

Officiating at his installation was Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannovers, president of the Lutheran World Federation, who preached the sermon in German; Dr. David L. Osterman, LWF secretary in Great Britain, who conducted a portion of the service in Swedish and Dr. Taul, secretary of the Lutheran Council of Great Britain, who spoke in Estonian.

The three Lutherans were assisted by Dr. Arthur William Barton, Anglican Archbishop of Dublin, who spoke in English.

A Lutheran congregation was active in Dublin for several centuries but was dissolved about 80 years ago.

### REGISTRATION

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# Impressions From Associated Church Meeting As Seen By A Canadian

Washington at Easter for some is a swarm of young people, thousands of them filling every nook and cranny of the hotels going on conducted tours to the sights of the city. For others, Washington is rows of cherry trees in blossom, edging an avenue of tufted white beauty. For editors of Protestant Church papers, it is renewing friendships, making new friends, learning how to make better papers, studying talent and opportunity for service.

Since ninety-five per cent of the membership of the Associated Church Press is made up of editors of American papers, many of the discussions have to do with United States problems. That was quite evident at the first meeting of the Lutheran Church of The Reformation on Wednesday, April 13th, when Richard L. Strout, the Washington Correspondent of "The Christian Science Monitor," spoke on "The Washington Scene" and George S. Mitchell discussed the problem of the Negroes and the whites.

"Will President Eisenhower run again?" asked Mr. Strout. "Not if he can help it," he answered himself. "But he will probably not be able to help it. His popularity is overwhelming. This is due to his warm personality, reluctance to get into a party fight, and his moderation. Under his administration the nation is neither progressive nor adventurous. The people are content to sit back and listen to the clock tick. They are content to leave the important decisions to Eisenhower—'poppa knows best.' If he asserts himself he can't win any legislation he likes. What about McCarthy? He is a frustrated shadow of his old self."

George Mitchell is a tall, gangling sort of loose-jointed Northerner, whose slow drawl is very disarming. He is the Executive Secretary of the Southern Regional Council. The South is loose in the world, he says. Violence is accompanying the effort of the colonials to free themselves. In the United States this struggle for equal status is pointed up in the Negro situation. The Constitution gives people equal status. But the Negro has never had it. Now it must be given to him, and the way to do it is not by enforcing law—he is the law with him—but by giving him responsibility. Small groups of blacks and whites working together will do more than anything else to solve the black and white problem.

The Public Relations Department of the National Council of Churches in the United States entertained the Associated Church Press to luncheon in a famous press room where leading world figures—Churchill, Mendes-France and others—have spoken. Eugene C. Blake, who was recently featured in "Newsweek," addressed the group after luncheon. He missed a great opportunity. He could not have been briefed very well on his audience for he spoke on how to prepare sermons. Donald Bolles saved the situation by telling of the work of the Council of Churches.

## The State Department

Naturally no group of editors would be satisfied with Washington without a visit to the State Department. John Foster Dulles said he believed the age-old problem of European unity is about to be realized. Some think that if a strong stand had been taken against Hitler in his drive for power there would have been no Second World War. The Chinese Communist regime is like Hitler, seeking power by force and must be stopped. He places great faith in the U. N., though recognizing its limitations.

William J. Sebald, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Far East-

ern Affairs, said that the United States honours its promises. Nine million Formosans, he said, cannot be thrown to the Communist dogs. Before the war, Japan was the dominant nation in the East. Now it is Communist China, and that alters the picture. The secret of future success in the East is a better understanding. This we are trying to create.

These men in the State Department always impress the thoughtful visitor as conscientious, high-minded Christians who are tackling a hard job with deep consecration.

Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Dean of The Washington Cathedral, and Rev. Joseph R. Sizoo, Head of the Department of Religion, George Washington University, Washington, are both absolutely convinced that the revival we have been looking for is here. Mr. Sizoo wished the Church would pay more attention to college students. Of course, he said, there are professors whose heads are still bandaged in haloes of degrees, but those are not the ones to whom the students flock. They go to those who will help them. They want to know the meaning of life. What are we here for? What is the use of playing the game unless we know where the goal posts are? Twenty years ago a university student would not be found dead with a Bible. Now they want to know what answers the Bible has to their questions.

## The Hope of Peace

Mr. Sayre carries a punch in every word he says. He warned that there was not enough "Cross" in the resurgence. "It is my opinion," he said, "that at the zenith of McCarthy's power there was a greater threat to our religion than Communism."

He declared that God's judgment is embodied in law and McCarthy challenged God's judgment by presuming to put it into private hands. It was the Churches protesting against the ministers being called Communists that broke the McCarthy movement.

Mr. Sayre quoted Sir Winston Churchill, "The hope of peace is that peace will be the sturdy child of mutual terror." Faith is the opposite of terror, and if terror is the most widespread thing in the world, it constitutes a great challenge to our faith. Faith is the only thing in the world that can overcome terror.

It was significant that a number of the editors, whose duty it is not only to report but to direct trends, should have placed a good deal of emphasis on theology. Mr. Peter Day, who has made quite a success of brief but illuminating theological articles in "The Living Church," of which he is editor, said that "The Church paper has the task of making the world conscious of the Church." "The laymen," he said, "prefer the theological and Biblical approach better than the clergy." "Our job," he added, "is to unsettle people."

## Interest in Theology

Dr. John W. Bradbury of "The Watchman-Examiner," a paper which is quite conservative in its point of view, said there was a renewed interest in theology today. Asked if a religious paper should enter a theological controversy, he said it is the editor's duty to set a high standard even if it is controversial.

We have always held it as a strong conviction that the Church paper should be a crusading organ. This view was given support by a description by Mr. John Marvin, Editor



of "The Michigan Christian Advocate," of the campaign he carried on to prevent the election of a "little McCarthy" in Michigan. The paper opposed this man because of his stand on gambling and bingo. A strong, vigorous campaign was responsible for the defeat of the candidate.

For those of us from Canada who went through the Church Union debate leading up to 1925, the experiences recounted by Dr. Aubrey N. Brown, Editor of "The Presbyterian Outlook," rang a familiar bell. In the U.S. the three Presbyterian bodies are moving towards Union. But the vote of the Presbyteries in the Southern Church was not sufficiently large. There was the appeal to prejudice, delaying tactics, misrepresentation. They are thinking now of a moratorium for a few years. If the moratorium follows the pattern of the one adopted by the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1917 it will only play into the hands of the opposition.

Prof. Roland E. Wolsley of the Syracuse School of Journalism, who is noted as a leading authority on typography, had examined carefully all the religious journals which were submitted to him. He found a great improvement over the last analysis several years ago. He had some valuable criticism. He thought the editorials as a whole were too sermonic, too platitudinous. "It is quite a safe thing," he said, "to write about something that is going on in the other side

of the world." He urged brief, frank, vigorous editorials on issues close to home. All the magazines submitted to him study, he said, point out that Jesus showed the way, but tell how He lived it.

#### Wistful Modern Man

Dr. Chas. T. Leber, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, told of a young theological graduate addressing a congregation on his work in the Semina. He spent two hours, the theologian told his audience, learning how properly to walk from the desk to the pulpit. "thought," commented Dr. Leber, "of the pastors in Korea saw a few months ago who had suffered for his faith a limped painfully from the desk to the pulpit which was much more than a crate."

Like Mr. Sayre and Mr. Sizoo he spoke of the wistfulness of modern man and the eagerness of University Students for truth and a faith. The word that marks the Church today is not opportunity, but encounter.

The meeting of the Associated Church Press is an annual affair. We have given above a brief comment of some of the men and some of the issues discussed. The editors of the Church Press are continually striving to use better techniques, to produce better papers in order to further the Kingdom of God through the printed word.

### LUTHERAN UNITY

By A. V. Neve

I wish to present a few thoughts about the matter presented by Dr. Engstrom in his article that was published in the March 21st issue of The Ansgar Lutheran. The burden of his article is summarized in the following quotation from his article: "Our Church (Augustana) is making an earnest plea to those Lutheran bodies now discussing merger, as well as to all other Lutheran bodies, that merger discussions should not be closed to any Lutheran bodies if such bodies would like to come in and explore the possibility of merger.—We found it impossible, for example, to continue in merger negotiations which by previous action excluded the United Lutheran Church, the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Suomi Synod; bodies which have worked with us so closely in every department of the Church's life, including missions, student service, evangelism, and education.—All Augustana has asked is that these and other bodies be invited, or allowed to try to find common ground."

Note the words: "Come in and explore the possibility of merger," be invited or allowed to try to find common

ground." It would be brotherly and in the spirit of Christian fellowship for all Lutherans, who may so desire, to come together to talk about their common and rich Lutheran heritage, for all Lutherans believe that faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to life and salvation, and all Lutherans subscribe without reservations to the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism. To accept the Word of God as highest authority in the Church, and to subscribe without reservations to the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism are the criteria of true Lutheranism.

To explore the possibility of finding common ground for discussion of merger is one thing; to decide to merge with another. So I say in all earnestness: Let us get together in the spirit of Christian love and talk about the matter of total Lutheran Unity. It is of vital concern to the cause of American Lutheranism. According to our form of Church government the final decision must be made by the respective church bodies.

### THE CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

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ally famous parks as Yellowstone in Wyoming, Glacier in Montana, and Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico and the Grand Canyon in Arizona, to mention only a few of the best known, plan your trip to take in some other equally interesting and lovely places. For instance, just south of Yellowstone, there is some of the most beautiful scenery that it is possible to find.

I am thinking of the Grand Tetons. Take time to relax a little and

enjoy a boat ride on lovely Lake Jenny. Rising directly up from the lake side are mountains so high they have snow on them all year around. From your heart you will feel like singing "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation."

Driving south from the Grand Tetons into northern Utah, you will enjoy miles of lovely trees where the highway follows a rushing stream. If you are tired of driving, when you have been through Salt Lake City, stop and take a hike up

to see the Timpanogas Cave National Monument. Coming south, instead of taking the customary highway 91, take a few more hours and drive on highway 89 where you will find Bryce Canyon and can view a countless array of vividly colored fantastically eroded pinnacles.

Further south you will come to Zion National Park where you can drive through a magnificent sandstone canyon of great depths and gorgeous colorings. Some will also

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## So-Long Until We Meet Again

By Agnes Ringsborg

Having traveled a great distance to attend the funeral of a dear old lady, I arrived early and therefore had time to sit for the last time close to my friend. As I looked upon her face it seemed that she was just asleep. I put my hand on her forehead; I touched her hands as I whispered a last "Thank you, friend," to one who had meant so much to me.

As I sat there and thought of her life, the way she had used her hands and voice, to play and sing His praises; and her tongue to tell of the Savior who came to die for us all. I thought of her as she was in her younger days when she stopped in to my place, always cheerful and always helpful.

When our paths became divided and many miles came between us, I received her hopeful loving messages in letters. Her last years were spent in an old peoples home; and I believe that there she found a niche into which she fitted. She went from room to room to talk to those who were bedridden; told them of Christ and His loving goodness towards all His children.

I carried her last letter with me, opened it and read aloud the wonderful message:

My dear Friend:

Thank you dear friend for your lovely token and letters. I have received many beautiful cards through the years, but this tops them all. The Good Shepherd Psalm is my favorite, although all the Psalms are beautiful, such a comfort in our old age. The word of God is always good and strengthening to the soul. That Christ arose from the dead makes our salvation

sure, who believe in Him and His wonderful life and suffering for the world.

I have been well, and really have not felt old until now although I shall be eighty-five, come my next birthday. My days may soon be ended thank God; He will not forsake me, He has always cared for me.

I have so little strength but when I see the many helpless ones here I thank God every day that I can be on my feet. The oldest guest here is past ninety, still comes to chapel, and to most of her meals.

"The Love of God is Greater Far Than Any Tongue or Pen Can Tell"—my favorite song; I suppose you sing it too. May Jesus be with you in your work, and make it a blessing. The Lord bless and keep you, day by day, is my prayer for you.

Your friend in Christ,  
Martha

Slowly I folded the letter, and as I gazed at my friend for the last time here on earth, I whispered "So long until we meet again."

Thankful for this tranquil hour with my friend, my heart was filled with emotion as I left the darkened, flower-laden room, into the sunshine of a spring day; glad in the thought of a reunion on that happy day when we shall meet again and see Christ face to face.

So, let us all live in that hope and govern our lives accordingly loving one another, bearing each other's burdens so that when the last summons sounds, we will welcome it and gladly go in to eternal rest to be with God.

### THE CALIFORNIA CONVENTION (Continued from page 8)

want to take a side trip to Hoover Dam.

If you plan your trip to take in Colorado, besides seeing beautiful mountains, trees and water you won't want to miss visiting Mesa Verde National Park in the southwest corner of the state. Here you can take a trip right into the ancient cliff dwellings, the homes of some of the earliest inhabitants of our country. This park closes at night so come during the day so you won't be disappointed.

Those coming down through Oregon may want to stop at "The Oregon Caves" or Crater Lake. Drive through the Redwoods on Highway 101 or on the eastern side

of California visit Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks.

The handiwork of the Lord can be found in every state of the union and after viewing it you will want to say with the Psalmist "Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion; Bless the Lord, O my Soul,"

When you are in the Los Angeles area for the convention (Lynwood is about 10 miles south and east of the central part of Los Angeles, and 10 miles from the ocean) you will not want to miss seeing the largest oil painting in the world "The Crucifixion" at Forest Lawn. It is 195 feet long and 45 feet high. You will also want to visit "Ghost Town" at Knott's Berry Farm, only 13 miles from the U.E.L.C. convention headquarters. You can even get a boat

ride (price only 50c) from Balboa Island that will take you out on the ocean, besides the ride through the channel. This place is only 35 miles from the convention. If you have an extra day and want to go to an ocean island you can fly to Catalina Island round trip for about \$7.25 or you can take a round trip boat ride for a little less. Others will want to see Laguna Beach, San Juan Capistrano, "This is Cinnerama," and Mt. Wilson observatory.

Children and young people coming with their parents to convention will want to bring their swimming suits as there is a pool within a short distance of the convention. Child care will also be furnished for children during business meetings.



# THE LUTHER LEAGUE

Homer Larsen, Editor

## REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

By Pastor Carl Schattauer

The young people of our Church met in their ninth biennial convention held at Dana College, Blair, Nebr., April 28th through Sunday morning May 1st. It was a fast moving convention with much inspirational coming to, and right spirited action taken by the 325 delegates, visitors and pastors in attendance at this convention.

Our youth were receptive to the messages built around the convention theme, "More Than Conquerors." Pleas came from all of the speakers that the only way for the youth of the world to be conquerors is by living in their baptismal covenant with a life dedicated to the One who loved us—God, to the One who sacrificed for us—**Christ**, to the One who gives us strength—**HOLY SPIRIT**, then and only then the message, "—in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us," the Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Romans becomes real and living.

This inspiration based on the Word of God led to action dedicated in the work of God's Kingdom. The delegates went on record favoring a \$4,500.00 foreign mission program for the next two years. This will include the completion of the chapel at Mori, Japan, sponsoring of a theological student from Colombia, South America, to aid in the translation work done by Pastor Arnfeld Morck in Colombia, and to help in the transportation cost of foreign young people who will attend the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in 1957.

In the work of our national Luther League the delegates concerned themselves on how the work of our Luther League can become more effective in the local congregation. **With this in mind the convention accepted the recommendation from the Youth Board that the synodical Church Council and the synodical convention to be held at Lynwood, Calif., be requested to call a full time youth director whose purpose it would be to represent our synod intersynodical youth work and who also would give his time in studying the overall youth program of our church. This met with much approval with many of the young people themselves expressing a deep desire for such a person who would interest himself in the young people of our church.**

Officers elected were Mr. Don Olsen, Racine, Wisc., as vice president. Don is a seminarian and will be serving as an interne at Trinity Lutheran Church, Norwalk, Calif., during the coming year. To the office of secretary the convention elected Miss Helen Videbeck, Indianapolis, Ind., a student at Dana College. Representatives from the Luther League elected to the Youth Board are Mr. Roger Hansen, Des Moines, Iowa and Miss Sharon Petersen, Lincoln, Nebr.

Everyone felt that the convention was well planned and very well attended. Much thanks should go to Dana College for the fine facilities they offered, to Pastor Geo. Robertson, Pastor Le Roy Anderson and the other members of the Youth Board for the planning and direction of the convention, and to Pastor Carrol Hinderlie, Youth Director of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, who was the guest speaker, and all other speakers for their messages of conviction and promise from God's Holy Bible. Lastly, Thanks to God for our young people who feel the need of Jesus Christ in their lives and want to become for Christ "More Than Conquerors" through our Luther Leagues.

### TREASURER'S REPORT THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF THE U.E.L.C.

April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954

General and Mission Receipts	
Balance on Hand April 1, 1953	\$3265.27
Districts:	
Atlantic	\$ 30.42
East Canada	388.64
Illinois	53.52
Iowa	838.61
Minnesota	122.30
Nebraska	252.87
North Dakota-Montana	100.00
Pacific	215.39
West Canada	00.00
Wisconsin	250.00

2251.75

Special Fund	1500.00
Youth Office resalable materials	147.57
Sundries (including Convention)	1609.52

3257.09

Total Receipts and Balance on Hand	8774.11
Total Disbursements	
General Fund	5238.42
Mission Fund	3000.00

8238.42

Balance on Hand March 31, 1954	
General Fund	189.87
Mission Fund	45.82
Special Fund	300.00
Total Balance on Hand	535.69

### General Fund Receipts

Balance on hand April 1, 1953	1069.05
Districts:	
Atlantic	10.00
East Canada	251.09
Illinois	00.00
Iowa	553.61
Minnesota	00.00
Nebraska	187.45
N. Dakota-Montana	100.00
Pacific District	150.00
West Canada	00.00
Wisconsin	150.00

Total District Receipts	1402.15
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Sundries:	
Youth Office resalable materials	147.57
Convention Registration	998.20
Pre-convention Registration	198.50
Convention offering	252.82
Other	160.00
Transfer from Special Fund	1200.00

Total Sundries	2957.09
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Total General Fund Receipts	5428.29
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### General Fund Disbursements

Youth Board Postage	456.06
Youth Office (supplies and res. materials)	1181.54
Youth Office Secretary Salary	492.00
Leadership Training Schools	239.30
Youth Director's office expense	300.00
Youth Director's Salary	300.00
The Ansgar Lutheran ed. expense	350.00



Christmas Chimes expense	187.94	
Youth Board travel	678.96	
The Ansgar Lutheran ed's. salary	225.00	
Intersynodical Travel	130.25	
Misc. (One promotion, convention, ELC film, etc.)	697.37	
Total General Fund Expense		5238.42

Balance on hand March 31, 1954 189.87

#### Mission Fund Receipts

Balance on hand April 1, 1953 2196.22

Districts:		
Atlantic	20.42	
East Canada	137.55	
Illinois	53.52	
Iowa	285.00	
Minnesota	122.30	
Nebraska	65.42	
N. Dakota-Montana	00.00	
Pacific	65.39	
West Canada	00.00	
Wisconsin	100.00	
Total Mission Receipts		849.60

3045.82

#### Mission Fund Disbursements

Japan Mission	2000.00	
Youth America	1000.00	
Total Mission Fund Disbursements		3000.00

Balance on hand March 31, 1954 45.82

#### Special Fund

E.L.C. grant	1500.00	1500.00
Disbursement to General Fund	1200.00	1200.00

Balance on hand in Special Fund, March 31, 1954 300.00

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed)  
Stan Hansen, Treasurer

#### GENERAL AND MISSION RECEIPTS

Balance on hand April 1, 1954		535.69
Districts:		
Atlantic	326.86	
East Canada	00.00	
Illinois	244.68	
Iowa	1602.77	
Minnesota	879.53	
Nebraska	333.34	
N. Dakota-Montana	237.63	
Pacific	463.35	
West Canada	141.16	
Wisconsin	597.68	
Total District Receipts		4827.00
Synod Grant	1200.00	
Youth Office resalable materials	103.37	
Miscellaneous	115.00	
Total Sundry Receipts		1418.37
Total General Receipts		6781.06

#### TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund	3711.33	
Mission Fund	1030.00	
Total Disbursements		4741.33
General Fund Balance	102.97	
Mission Fund Balance	1036.76	
Special Fund Balance	900.00	

Total Balance on hand March 31, 1955 2039.73

#### GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Balance on hand April 1, 1954		189.87
Districts: Atlantic	256.00	

East Canada	00.00
Illinois	159.84
Iowa	1018.95
Minnesota	478.51
Nebraska	139.12
N. Dakota-Montana	192.54
Pacific	292.35
West Canada	15.00
Wisconsin	253.75

Total District Receipts 2806.06

Youth Office resalable materials	103.37
Miscellaneous	115.00
Transfer from Special Fund	600.00

Total Sundry Receipts 818.37

Total General Fund Receipts 3814.30

#### GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS

Youth Board Postage and Tele.	157.68
Youth Office Supplies and resalable material	778.32
Youth Office Secretary Salary	164.49
Leadership Training Schools	132.70
Youth Director's Office expense	300.00
Youth Director's Salary	300.00
The Ansgar Lutheran Editor's Salary	175.00
The Ansgar Lutheran editorial expense	262.50
Christmas Chimes expense	752.30
Youth Board Travel	470.06
Intersynodical Travel	44.00
Misc. (One promotion, 4-H award, etc.)	174.28

Total General expense 3711.33

Balance on Hand March 31, 1955 102.97

#### MISSION FUND RECEIPTS

Balance on hand April 1, 1954		45.82
Districts:		
Atlantic	70.86	
East Canada	00.00	
Illinois	84.84	
Iowa	583.82	
Minnesota	401.02	
Nebraska	194.22	
North Dakota-Montana	45.09	
Pacific	171.00	
West Canada	126.16	
Wisconsin	343.93	
Total Mission Receipts		2020.94

2066.76

#### MISSION FUND DISBURSEMENTS

Japan Mission	1000.00
Home Mission—Storm Lake	30.00
Total Mission Disbursements	1030.00

Mission Balance on hand March 31, 1955 1036.76 1036.76

#### SPECIAL FUND

Balance on hand April 1, 1954		300.00
Synod grand	1200.00	
Total Special Receipts		1200.00

1500.00

Disbursement to the General Fund 600.00  
Balance on hand March 31, 1955 \$900.00

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Stan Hansen, Treasurer



## BY THE FIRESIDE

### ALWAYS

In the beginning God... and in the end,  
 And in the in-between, forever he  
 Is the insistent power, the constant friend,  
 The steadfast hope of all eternally.  
 He is life's bread and wine, he is the truth,  
 He is the ageless, quenchless fire of youth;  
 Inalienable from birth and life and death,  
 Inseparable from any roads men go.  
 Nearer than hands and feet, closer than breath,  
 The living force beneath all things that grow,  
 And from above, the strange impelling might  
 That draws mankind from darkness into light.

—Author Unknown.

### GOD'S GIFT

By John C. Wynn

God's gift of himself in Christ has always evoked 2 kinds of response in man: True, humble gratitude on the one hand, and a sham, selfish reaction on the other. Read Matthew 2:1-11. The Wise Men from the East came in love to express their gratitude for God's favor. Herod, in pretense of wanting to worship, wished to murder any threat to his own throne.

Today, in kind, we respond to God's love with lives of dedication and service, or with indifferent or bitter rejection of his intrusion into our earthly ease. All of us possess great riches—spiritual gifts and potentialities. Some of us come to God with gratitude in our hearts for what he has given; others of us often pose an appreciation but reject him hypocritically in our lives. Some pour out skills, service, and self in veritable mountains of love. Others of us shrivel like dried fruit before the sun, trying to live "on our own."

Jerome poured out his energies translating the Scriptures into the understandable Latin of his time. Augustine abandoned his life of sensual pleasure and self-seeking to God's higher calling. Luther imperiled his life and stood as one alone against all the powers of his day because God had his heart.

Quiet, faithful witnesses move through our time to spell out their constant gratitude. Kagawa, the small, dynamic Japanese leader, left opportunities for wealth and renown to live and serve in the reeking Shinkawa slum. Albert Schweitzer is another saint of our own time who has thrown his life at God's feet in gratitude for his love. With an international reputation in music, philosophy, and theology, he gave his medical skill to the na-

tives of Africa, and has spent his days in the jungle, operating and healing in the name of God.

Few of us fall into the list of the great if we look at it in terms of talents and skills. But read I Corinthians, chapter 12. In this passage Paul helps us see that God gives to each of us different gifts, every one of which has some significant value in his kingdom.

—From Stewardship Facts

### A HILL MOTHER'S TESTAMENT

By Webb Dycus

For all the wealth I cannot give,  
 These are the joys I can bestow;  
 For you, my son, the right to live  
 Where birds song rings and daisies  
 grow;

This friendly hill is yours to run;  
 That sky-tent yours, for camping in;  
 The winding creek, your source for  
 fun:

The grove, your nook where dreams  
 begin;  
 Your guide at dusk, the stars above,  
 And just for you, their constancy.  
 Withal my never-ending love!

This is your legacy from me.

—Methodist Advocate.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

The spiritual life is not one of pious practices, self-denial, and sacrifices. The spiritual life is best exemplified in good health, a joyful heart, kindness, consideration for others, wholesome associations, good habits, and gratitude to the universal God for life and its wonderful gifts and possibilities.

—Harvey S. Hardman.

### SACRED WALLS

The walls of old and lovely churches  
 with their mellowed stone  
 Seem to live, and to possess a spirit of  
 their own...

Breathing, waiting, watching, motionless, they stand  
 Growing stronger with the pressure of Time's gentle hand.  
 Entering these sacred walls we find peace profound;  
 A peace the world can never give.  
 We walk on holy ground...  
 The very pews seem conscious of the holy Presence there  
 Hallowed by long years of worship, praise, and prayer.

—Patience Strohm

"Yes," said the farmer, "when the feller has got to know the botanical name of what he raises, and the etymological name of the bugs that eat it up, and the pharmaceutical name of what he sprays on it—things is bound to cost more."

"Fellow citizens," cried the candidate, "I have fought against the Indians. I have often had no bed but the battlefield and no canopy but the sky. I have marched over frozen ground when every step was marked with blood."

"He's suffered enough for his country," said a solemn voter, "no sense getting him into politics."

Two women, dining in a restaurant, were discussing a third, who had just made her entrance.

"Her husband was a judge, wasn't he," one woman asked.

"Everyone thought so," replied the other, "until he married her."

A mother was trying to enter her 5-year-old in a kindergarten whose age requirement was 6. "She's very bright," the mother declared. "She can easily pass the 6-year-old test."

"Say some words," the teacher told the child.

Little Jane contemplated the teacher coldly, then turned to her mother and asked, "Purely irrelevant words?"

### PRETTY GOOD

Famous violinist Jascha Heifetz told an amusing story of an occasion when at a party one night, his host introduced him to a professional boxer.

Remarked the violinist: "I see we are both in the same business. Both of us earn our living with our hands." The boxer looked at the violinist's hands and face with admiration.

"My stars," he exclaimed, "you must be pretty good. There's not a mark on you!"—Tit-Bits.



## WS AND NOTES

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Trinity Lutheran Congregation, Rt. 1, Amare, extends a cordial invitation to the delegates and members of the congregations of the North Dakota-Montana District to be its guests during the District Convention, June 9th-11th. Lodging and breakfast will be provided for the delegates and guests in homes. Please send your reservations for lodging to the convention secretary, Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Rt. 1, Amare, N. D.

Sincerely yours for a blessed convention in Christ, and on behalf of the congregation.

J. B. Schou, President  
Mrs. J. B. Schou, Secretary

The 59th Annual Convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3801 Cortland Street, Lynwood, California, June 21-26 beginning with the opening services Tuesday, June 21 at 8:00 PM. Our Convention theme is: "Strong in the Lord." All congregations are urged to send delegates, one delegate for each fifty members twenty-one years and over, a major fraction thereof. Delegates will please have credential blanks filled out, bring to the convention, and give to the Credentials Committee. All letters which require Convention action should be in the hands of the Church Council by June 1st. See below for further information from the host congregation. May God pour out His rich blessing upon our 59th Convention. Pray for our Convention.

Hans C. Jersild, President  
Lawrence Siersbeck, Secretary

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lynwood, California, extends to all delegates and members of the U.E.L.C. a cordial welcome to attend the 59th Annual Convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church to be held June 21-26, 1955. All registrations should be sent to Mr. Frank Herstine in care of the church, 3801 Cortland St., Lynwood.

Allan D. Hansen, Pastor  
Mr. Frank Herstine, Registrar  
%St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
3801 Cortland Street  
Lynwood, California  
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g, Nebr., St. John's Luth. Church	44.72						44.72
yn, N. Y., Salem Luth. Church	111.45						111.45
urst, Nebr., Our Savior's Luth. Church	31.75						31.75
Mont., J. O. Rasmussen	106.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		
h, Ky., Hans Folmer	30.00			15.00	15.00		
Mass., Bethany Luth. Church	145.77						145.77
Mass., Hugo Dettmer	10.00			10.00			
o, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ostergaard	45.00	25.00		10.00	10.00		
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ood, Calif., various members of Olivet Church in memory of Dr. Alfred Thompson	14.00				14.00		
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ood, Calif., Olivet Church School in memory of Rev. Alfred Thompson for Pastors' Training School, Sudan	15.00				15.00		
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ood, Calif., Ladies Aid "Maria" of Olivet Church in memory of Mrs. Miller for Pastors' Training School, Sudan	5.00				5.00		
n, Minn., Bethany Luth. S. S.	13.35						13.35
Lake, Ia., St. Mark's Guild for Helen Jacobsen's salary.	100.00			100.00			
nd, Ore., Bethany Luth. Primary Department, representing mission offerings	44.25	22.12	22.13				
o, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church, amount allocated for the work of translating from English to Spanish and especially for materials already translated	125.00		125.00				
on, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Christensen and Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Andersen of Eben-Ezer Church in memory of Chris Ytzen, Hampton, Ia.	5.00						5.00
istrict W.M.S., Women of the Church of Our Savior's Luth. Church, Council Bluffs, Life Memberships for Mrs. Le Hill, Mrs. Hans Olsen, Mrs. L. P. Madsen, Mrs. Otto Jensen, Sr., Mrs. Hans P. Nyholm, Sr., all of Council Bluffs, and Mrs. Jacob Olsen, Elk Horn, Ia.	40.50			40.50			
y Valley, S. D., Luth. Ladies Aid, Life Memberships for Mrs. H. S. Madsen and Mrs. Arthur Sorensen, both of Viborg, S. D.	13.50		13.50				
istrict W.M.S.	155.96		155.96				
Moine, Ia., Highland Park Luth. W.M.S.	30.40		30.40				
o, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church, Life Membership for Mrs. (Pastor) Donald Hansen	6.75		6.75				
nesota District W.M.S., Albert Lea Oaks Mission Circle for Helen Danielson's salary	20.00		20.00				
nsin District W.M.S. for Helen M. Jacobsen's salary 2 months	140.00				140.00		
aca, Wis., Trinity Ladies Aid	400.00	100.00	150.00	75.00	75.00		
and, Wis., the Martin Mathisen family of Our Savior's Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. Martin (Sophie) Mathisen	15.00		15.00				
rn, Mass., Bethany Ladies Aid	6.00		3.00	3.00			
en, Nebr., Fredericksburg Ladies Aid for Margaret Nissen, District W.M.S. project	50.00				50.00		
Brunswick, Canada, St. Peter's Ladies Aid	6.00		3.00	3.00			
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## WS AND NOTES

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### IOWA W.M.S.

ne King's Daughters, Helping Hand Ladies Aid of Our Saviour's Lutheran church, Audubon, Ia., were tesses to the Women's Missionary iety Circuit meeting on Thursday, ril 21st.

he Rev. Arnfeldt Morck, mission- to South America, was guest aker. Pastor Morck chose II Cor- nians, Chapter 4 as the basis for his ssage. He stated that in spite of the ny difficulties encountered in the th American field the work of God es go on and that the church does depend on exterior things that are n but that which is kept in the rt, so once the seed is sown and s are opened to the truth the word tinues to grow and is spread to ers. He closed his message with this ote from the one remaining wall of hurch left standing amid the ruins en the rest of the structure was del- ished by opposing forces; "Ye shall ow the truth and the truth will ke you free."

A welcome by Maxine Kraft, de- tional message, "Who Are Our ighbors and What Do We Owe em" by Anna Thomsen and a vocal

selection by Wayne Hansen completed the afternoon program. An offering was received for the South American Mission.

After the program a delicious lunch was served to approximately two hundred guests. Ebenezer Lutheran Church, west of Audubon, extended an invitation for the W.M.S. meeting to be held next spring.

### MINNESOTA W.M.S.

The Farmington Lutheran Ladies Aid entertained the ladies from North- field, Hazelwood and Minneapolis at a WMS circuit meeting Thursday, April 28th. Mrs. John Larson, district WMS president, took charge of the meeting. The opening hymn was From Greenland's Icy Mountains. Mrs. Fred Peterson gave the welcome in the absence of Mrs. Palmer Schonning, president of the Farmington Ladies Aid. Mr. Wesley Best played a trump- et solo. Mrs. Herman Olsen led in devotions. Mrs. Robert Hansen sang, "Lost In The Night." A very interest- ing and informative talk was given by Rev. Paul Martinson, a missionary from China, who is returning to Hong Kong this fall. An offering was taken for WMS. After the offering the meeting closed with the singing of Hail to the Brightness and The Lord's

Prayer. Lunch was served in the Par- ish Hall of the church.

### ITINERARY FOR PASTOR LLOYD NEVE

May 18	Indianapolis, Ind.
May 19	Kankakee, Ill.
May 20	Clifton, Ill.
May 22	Sunday, Milwaukee 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.; Kenosha p.m.
May 23	McNabb, Ill.
May 24	Oregon, Wis.
May 25	Pewaukee, Wis.
May 26	Hartland, Wis.
May 27	Washington Island
May 29	Sunday, two morning serv- ices in Green Bay; in the eve- ning, Denmark, Wis.
June 5	Sunday, Plainview and Win- netoon, Nebr. a.m., Laurel in the afternoon and Fremont Bluffs in the evening.
June 6	Dannebrog, Nebr.
June 7	Ord, Nebr.
June 8	Hampton, Nebr.
June 9	Ruskin, Nebr.
June 10	Curtis, Nebr.
June 12	Sunday, morning services in Denver and Altura, Colo.

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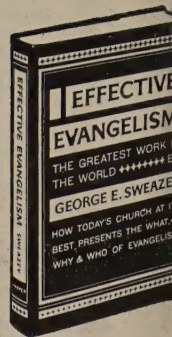
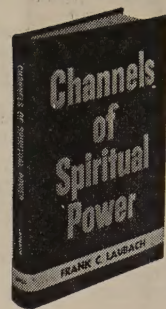
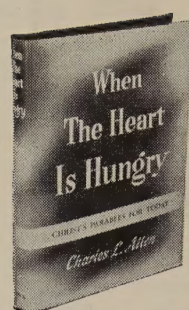
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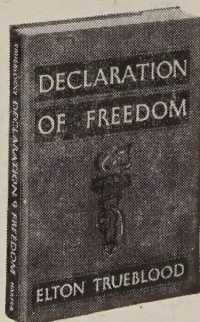
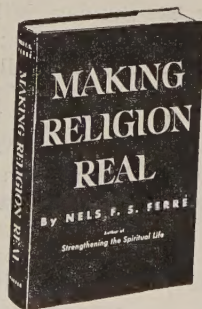
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